GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1222
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TELEPHONE EXCHANGES IN RAJASTHAN
VSM (RETD.) COL. CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government propose to set up some new telephone exchanges and upgrade existing exchanges in the Country particularly Rajasthan during 2001-2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the government have assessed the requirement of cable, pipe instruments for upgradation of existing telephone exchanges;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the amount allocated for the purpose during the said period State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is planned to add 68,30,000 Direct Exchange lines in all BSNL Circles including Rajasthan during 2001-2002 to set up new exchanges and upgrade of existing exchanges. Circle-wise Details are at Annexure.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The factor of upgradation of existing exchanges included in the expansion of the particular year where equivalent cable, pipes instruments etc. as per standards are allotted to different circles.

(e) An amount of Rs. 12261.12 Crores (Budget Estimate provision) is allocated for setting up of new telephone exchanges & upgrading the existing telephone exchanges in BSNL circles during 2001-2002. Circle-wise details are at Annexure.

Annexure
Tentatively Direct Exchange Lines Planned & Funds allocation for 2001-2002

Name of the Circle	DELs Target	BE 2001-2002 Provision (Rs. In Crores)
Andman & Nicobar	10000	22.17
Andhra Pradesh	530000	1251.94
Assam	100000	179.87
Bihar	170000	299.53
Jharkhand	82000	152.19
Gujarat	650000	1057.58
Haryana	245500	384.48
Himachal Pradesh	90000	172.77
Jammu & Kashmir	80000	142.09
Karnataka	500000	839.94
Kerala	718000	1365.90
Madhya Pradesh	155000	317.42
Chattisgarh	40000	90.94
Maharashtra	750000	1072.94
North East-I	32000	97.23
North East-II	21500	62.49
Orissa	135000	194.49
Punjab	460000	672.57
Rajasthan	300000	466.79
Tamil Nadu	396000	981.96
Utter Pradesh East	325000	766.45
Utter Pradesh West	300000	437.90
Uttaranchal	75000	138.45

West Bengal	300000	481.38
Kolkatta	165000	380.12
Chennai	200000	231.53
Total	6830000	12261.12